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## The Minimal Family

Jan E. Dizard and Howard Gadlin

Almost daily we hear reports that the American family is collapsing. Widespread public concern has moved several administrations to set up commissions to study ways of bolstering the family, and a number of politicians have built whole campaigns around this issue. Responses to the apparent crisis have alternated between the extremes of nostalgic evocations of traditional ideals on the one hand and glib celebrations of selfhood on the other.

In this book, Jan E. Dizard and Howard Gadlin offer a new vision for the American family. They argue that we can no longer find refuge in an idealization of the nuclear family; we must recognize that our private welfare is inextricably tied to policies and actions within the society as a whole.

Dizard and Gadlin begin by tracing the history of the American family over two centuries, showing how families have grown steadily smaller, less intricately involved with kin, and more vulnerable to disruption. These trends have produced a dramatic change in the contexts within which we decide whether to marry, to have children, or to end a relationship. By examining a range of family forms, from female-headed inner-city households to upwardly mobile dual-career couples, the authors demonstrate how our intimate lives have come increasingly to be organized around themes of individuality and autonomy. Although these changes have often been resented and resisted, lead-

ing to polarized attitudes and considerable confusion, efforts to preserve traditional family forms are both inappropriate and futile. Instead, the authors argue, family life in all its varieties can retain its vitality only to the extent that the institutions that shape our private lives are made more responsive and accountable to our real needs. Calling this responsiveness and accountability "public familism," the authors reason that we are nearing the time when this approach will become an explicit and pivotal part of a renewal of progressive politics and the ideal of positive government.

"Drawing on the work of social historians, political economists, sociologists, and psychologists, the authors go well beyond the usual arguments that show how the needs of the newly industrializing society eroded the traditional bonds of kinship. Instead, in a subtle, complex, and multifaceted analysis, they show us how the emergence of the kind of emotional intimacy that is the hallmark of the nuclear family is closely interrelated with the needs of a market economy. . . . A trenchant critique of the existing debates in the field and a powerful argument to which other scholars, whatever their perspective, will have to respond."—Lillian B. Rubin, author of *Intimate Strangers*: Men and Women Together and Just Friends: The Role of Friendship in Our Lives

"Well written, perceptive, and witty.... It will make a *major* contribution to the field of sociology in general and will be a *must read* for family sociologists and scholars interested in social process and social change."—Rosanna Hertz, author of *More Equal Than Others: Women and Men in Dual Career Marriages* 

JAN E. DIZARD is professor of sociology and American studies at Amherst College. HOWARD GADLIN is ombudsperson and professor of psychology at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst.

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## Sea of Lentils

Antonio Benítez-Rojo Translated by James Maraniss Introduction by Sydney Lea

"One of the finest historical novels ever written in Latin America."— Roberto González Echevarría, Yale University

On the eve of the five-hundredth anniversary of Columbus's first vovage to America, this novel re-creates the story of Spain's conquest of the Caribbean, stripped of its heroic myths. The book begins in 1598 at the deathbed of King Philip II of Spain, whose fevered thoughts, reminiscences, and reveries form one of four parallel, interwoven narratives. His religious fervor unmitigated by the disappointments of his reign, Philip reflects on his lifelong efforts to protect the Spanish empire from heresy and capitalism, including his ill-fated dispatch of the Armada against England. A second narrative explores the origins of the clandestine African slave trade in the collaboration between English seafaring merchant John Hawkins and entrepreneur Pedro de Ponte of the Canary Islands. A third tale, told in the first person, describes the founding of Saint Augustine and the extermination of the French Huguenot colony in Florida, while the last tells the story of a common soldier who accompanied Columbus on his second expedition to the New World.

The title of the book comes from cartographer Guillaume le Testu, who mistook the word Antilles for lentilles, thus giving the Caribbean a name that connotes the ignorance as well as the fancy of Europe's grand colonizing venture.

"Here, in a superb translation by James Maraniss, is the novel of the



European imperial expansion in all its complexity. . . . The characters—a dying monarch, a mercantilist trader, a common soldier, Admiral Columbus himself—act in a poem of the human condition, where narrated voices have the power to enchant and to make one reflect upon the nexus of history and myth."—Robert Stone

Professor of romance languages at Amherst College, ANTONIO BENÍTEZ-ROJO is the former director of the Center for Caribbean Studies at Casa de las Americas in Cuba. He has won numerous awards for his writing, including a 1985–86 Pushcart Prize for his story "Heaven and Earth." JAMES MARANISS is professor of romance languages at the same institution and author of *On Calderón*.

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# North Pole Legacy Black, White, and Eskimo S. Allen Counter

This book tells the story of two men whose existence had been rumored but never verified until the author traveled to northern Greenland in 1986. S. Allen Counter has long been an admirer of Matthew Henson, the black American explorer who accompanied Robert E. Peary to the North Pole. While doing research in Sweden, Counter became intrigued by talk of "dark-skinned" Eskimos living in Greenland. Several years later he set out to investigate, eventually making his way more than a thousand miles north of the Arctic Circle. There, in two tiny settlements, he found Anaukag Henson and Kali Peary, the Amer-Eskimo sons of the two American explorers. Born only days apart in 1906, three years before their fathers finally reached the North Pole, Anaukag and Kali had always been known in the Eskimo community as the progeny of "Mahri-Pahluk" ("Matthew the Kind One") and Commander "Peeuree." Yet they had never been in contact with any of their

When it became clear that the two octogenarians longed to see the land of their fathers, Counter spent the next year arranging for Anaukaq, Kali, and their families to visit the United States. His book describes their triumph over obstacles they had

American relatives.

not foreseen, their encounter with a world they had only imagined, and their reunion with relatives they had never known. At the same time, the author weaves into this compelling narrative the history of Henson and Peary's unique collaboration as explorers and addresses the long-standing controversy over their claim to have been the first people to reach the North Pole.

"A wonderful story.... If the mark of an exceptional book is that we see things differently after reading it, then this is an exceptional book."

- William D. Piersen, Fisk University

A neuroscience professor at Harvard University and director of the Harvard Foundation for Intercultural and Race Relations, S. ALLEN COUNTER is a member of the Explorers Club. In 1989 he received a Special Award from the NAACP for the work on which this book is based.

320 pp., illustrations \$26.95 cloth, ISBN 736-5 February 1991



## Lvov Ghetto Diary

David Kahane Translated by Jerzy Michalowicz

"On the way to the camp I remained in a state of shock and paralysis. The harsh sound of the gate slamming shut behind me jolted me back to my senses. I was a prisoner in the Janowski camp. Two different sayings entered my mind. One was from the Bible: 'Take off your shoes from your feet, for the place whereon you stand is holy ground.' The other was the one Dante had inscribed over the gates of his hell: 'Abandon all hope, ye that enter this place.'"

Originally published in Hebrew, this powerful memoir bears witness to the systematic destruction of some 135,000 Jews in the Ukrainian city of Lvov during the Holocaust. The author, a rabbi, escaped death because he was hidden by the Ukrainian archbishop of the Uniate Catholic Church. His wife and young daughter were also given refuge, separately in Catholic convents. The memoir covers the period from July 1, 1941, when the Germans occupied Lvov, to July 27, 1944, when the city was liberated. In the first part of the book, the author is living in the Jewish ghetto under increasingly dire circumstances; in the second part, he is imprisoned in a forced labor camp; and in the third part, following his escape, he is in hiding under the protection of Metropolitan Sheptytskyi.

Kahane tells his story with great sensitivity and raises many important moral questions. He documents not only the unforgivable behavior of the Nazis and of many Ukrainians, but also the humane efforts of some



Ukrainians, particularly those in the Church, to shelter Jews from harm.

"Does this memoir add significantly to the stock of our knowledge? I would unhesitatingly answer the question in the affirmative. The Lvov Ghetto Diary contains numerous vignettes and details not to be found elsewhere. Its descriptions of the temper and behavior of Nazi executioners are especially valuable; they provide fresh material for the most important and unending scholarly task of understanding the social psychology of the murderers and torturers of European Jewry. . . . Kahane's account of his hiding, his discussion of Ukrainian-Jewish relations, his conversations with Sheptytskyi, his sketches of the priests,

monks, and nuns, of their humanity and their cool and efficient manner in the face of mortal danger to themselves during German searches for hidden Jews, all form an important addition to the theme of the 'Righteous Gentiles' in the literature of the Holocaust. . . . Historians will read this book with profit. Lay readers are likely to find it irresistibly engaging." —Erich Goldhagen, Harvard University (from the preface)

DAVID KAHANE was for many years chief rabbi in the Israeli Air Force. He lives in Tel Aviv.

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### Nietzsche

### A Frenzied Look

Robert John Ackermann

This book challenges the common view that Nietzsche passed through several discrete periods of thought, each based on a different set of values, and that his work can best be understood as a collection of isolated insights. Through close textual analysis, Robert John Ackermann attempts to expose the underlying unity and consistency in Nietzsche's thought that has long been overlooked.

According to Ackermann, Nietzsche's philosophy is grounded in a single vision, an image of ancient Greece in which Hellenic nobles created a space for life by constructing aesthetic buttresses against the terrifying power of Dionysian flux. While he recognized that the same constructions would not work in his own culturally exhausted society, Nietzsche believed that the strategy of the Greeks could be recovered through the exercise of will to power and an awareness of Eternal Return. Nietzsche's Übermenschen are thus to be understood as philosophically purified Greek nobles, struggling against Dionysian terror in the modern world.

Yet in the end, Ackermann contends, even the Übermenschen seem doomed to failure. For by Nietzsche's own severe logic, the power of the Dionysian in the modern world is so great that nothing can successfully resist it. Ackermann examines this problem and discusses the aporias into which Nietzsche's monistic philosophy must ultimately fall.



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## Wittgenstein's City

In naming this work an Outstanding Academic Book for 1988–89, *Choice* wrote: "Ackermann's treatment of the mature Wittgenstein is masterly. His style is vigorous and felicitous, and he largely succeeds in presenting Wittgenstein's philosophy as a whole."

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### Out of Bounds

Male Writers and Gender(ed)
Criticism

Edited by Laura Claridge and Elizabeth Langland

Until recently, "masculinity" and its impact on literary production and reception have received scant attention in the field of literary criticism. Although critics certainly have been interested in examining gender, they have tended to be far more concerned with the "feminine" side of the equation than with the "masculine." This book is an attempt to redress that imbalance.

Positing that patriarchy victimizes men as well as women, the fifteen original essays in Out of Bounds explore how certain male writers from the American and British canon have responded to the confines of the masculine code. The contributors apply a wide range of critical approaches and probe the gendered perspective in a variety of telling ways. These include examining a male writer's relation to his own masculinity; looking at his adoption of "feminine" values and attributes; discussing his subversion of gender stereotypes and oppositions; and exploring his conception of the binary terms masculine/feminine. The essays analyze characters, authorial inscriptions, narrative and poetic form, and the relation of gender and

Organized chronologically, Out of Bounds establishes the basis for an alternative literary history and will be essential reading for those who are interested in widening the scope of gender studies.

"A timely and useful collection of essays on male writers struggling with literary patriarchy. The thesis, presented and effectively argued by the editors in the introduction, that such male writers are not necessarily feminists but rather are forced by the 'third term' of patriarchy to reconstruct their masculinity even as they transgress patriarchal literary codes, finds provocative elaboration and collaboration in the essays. The book will appeal to a wide range of literary scholars—feminists as well as others."—Laura Doyle, Harvard University

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# Women in the Renaissance

Selections from English Literary Renaissance

Edited by Kirby Farrell, Elizabeth H. Hageman, and Arthur F. Kinney

Did women have a renaissance? In a way, Joan Kelly-Gadol's famous question was itself part of a renaissance. Since the 1970s, interest in women and women's writing of the early modern period has produced an inquiry of extraordinary range and intensity. English Literary Renaissance has been an important medium of that inquiry, beginning with its inaugural issue in 1970. The present volume brings together twelve essays and texts from the journal, including ten from special issues devoted to "Women in the Renaissance" in 1984 and 1988. The book also contains

three updated annotated bibliographies of primary and secondary materials that will be particularly useful to scholars and students.

Contributors are Sylvia Bowerbank, Ellen M. Caldwell, Jean C. Cavanaugh, Jacqueline DiSalvo, R. J. Fehrenbach, Suzanne Gossett, Elizabeth H. Hageman, Gabriele Bernhard Jackson, Tina Krontiris, Claudia Limbert, William A. Ringler, Jr., Josephine A. Roberts, Sara Jayne Steen, and Carolyn Ruth Swift.

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in English Renaissance literature and literary culture."—Janel Mueller, University of Chicago

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#### Lord of Attention

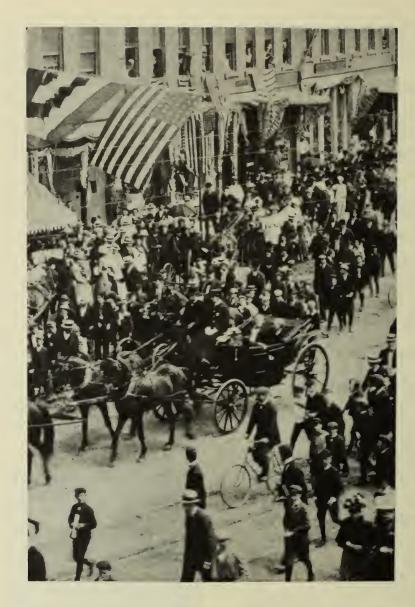
Gerald Stanley Lee and the Crowd Metaphor in Industrializing America

Gregory W. Bush

Although advertising was becoming increasingly visible in nineteenthcentury America, it was not until the 1920s that it became a central feature of an expanding consumer culture. Vast social and technological changes, a world war, and several presidents adept at manipulating public opinion all helped endow advertising with new spiritual and patriotic properties. Lord of Attention examines this cultural transformation through the career of Gerald Stanley Lee, a writer with an obsessive interest in crowd psychology. Lee was an exuberant advocate of advertising and a selfproclaimed prophet of the machine age. His story is symptomatic of an important strain of social thought behind the rise of mass marketing and public relations in the early twentieth century.

A Congregational minister, Lee had become fascinated with the idea of channeling the behavior of crowds. In due course he left the pulpit and began preaching instead to a national audience about "the crowd principle" and what he called "inspired millionaires" and "attention engineers." His book *Crowds: A Moving Picture* became a best-seller and his ideas were reflected in the thought of a number of business evangelists and entrepreneurs, including Andrew Carnegie, Joseph Fels, Edward Filene, Ivy Lee, and John D. Rockefeller.

In Gregory W. Bush's view, Lee is a transitional figure, an extreme example of America's shift from an individualistic, moralistic society of small



entrepreneurs to an interdependent, impersonal corporate state. Bush explores the use of the crowd as a cultural metaphor—one that sometimes connoted a fear of labor mobs and foreign-born hordes in American cities and at other times represented a more benign audience or market. Through Lee's life, Bush demonstrates the growing power of mass persuasion in the early twentieth century and explores the cultural roots of our present-day consumer society.

"A very impressive work of scholarship. It comprises not only an intellectual biography, but also a study of American reactions to the changes in communications media, in the size and structure of business operations, and the rise of a consumer culture at the end of the Victorian era."

—Roland Marchand, University of

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# Caribbean Women Writers

Essays from the First International Conference

Edited by Selwyn R. Cudjoe

In 1831, three years before England abolished slavery in the British Caribbean, the narrative of Mary Prince was published in London. It was the first account written by a Caribbean slave to be published. Although narratives and stories of Caribbean women have appeared sporadically in subsequent years, it is only since 1970 that a great wave of women's writing has inundated the field, thereby changing the horizons of Caribbean literature.

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SELWYN R. CUDJOE is associate professor of black studies at Wellesley College. His books include *Movement of the People* and *Resistance* and Caribbean Literature.

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cellent political analysis. And it is a fine introduction—better than any textbook on the subject—to the policy-making process. Anyone from ordinary citizen to seasoned bureaucrat can read it with profit."—Richard H. Ullman, Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs, Princeton University

Originally published in hardcover in 1989, Somoza Falling was cited in the New York Times Book Review as an editor's choice and appeared on the Times's notable books of the year list.

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### A Rumor of Revolt

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T. J. Davis

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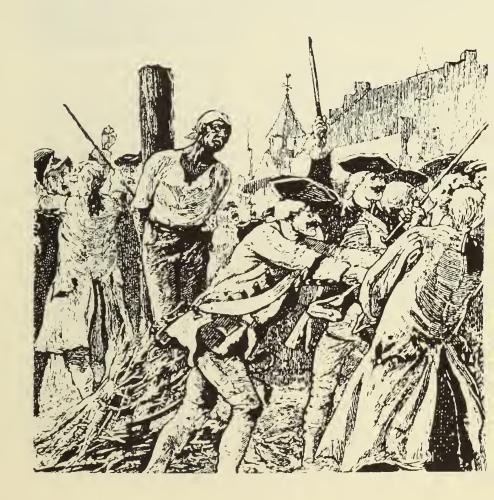
"Reexamines the alleged conspiracy, in 1741, of New York City's slaves to burn down the city, kill the rich and powerful white slaveowners, and hold the town for themselves or for Spain, with which Great Britain was at war. . . . [Davis] finds evidence that the kernel of a plot really existed and that it was responsible for a series of fires—the most significant of which destroyed Fort George, the seat of government. The book is a fascinating reconstruction of a city small enough for most of its inhabitants to expect to know each other's business and to be surprised when they discover they do not."—New Yorker

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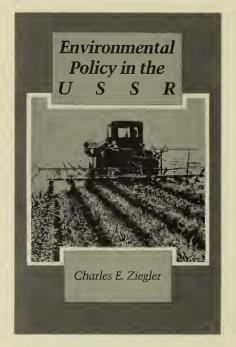


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## Quabbin

#### The Accidental Wilderness

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When one looks out on the quiet waters and forested hills of Quabbin Reservoir in west central Massachusetts, it is hard to imagine that the area was once dotted with buildings and farmlands or that it echoed with the activity of several villages and towns. Today, the daytime silence may be broken only by the cry of a hawk overhead or the slap of a plunging fish, and the evening calm, by the lonesome howl of a coyote. But in the nineteenth century, things were quite different.

In 1895, engineers for the Metropolitan Water Board began to search the state of Massachusetts for a site on which to construct a reservoir to supply water for the growing city of Boston. Sixty-five miles west of the city, in a region of high hills and running streams known as the Swift River Valley, they found what they were looking for. When Quabbin Reservoir was finally completed and filled in 1946, the engineers had created the third largest body of fresh water in New England and had accomplished one of the larger public works projects of its time. They had also uprooted and displaced the valley's inhabitants, leveled and flooded four towns and six villages-and formed a magnificent wilderness on some 85,000 acres.



The valley that was once known for its picturesque villages and mill ponds is now, over forty years later, home to a wide array of wildlife. Coyote, bobcat, and deer flourish, and Quabbin's eagle restoration project, begun in 1982, produced the first nesting pair of bald eagles in Massachusetts in almost a century. Today, the bald eagle population at Quabbin is estimated at forty-one birds.

But this accidental wilderness is being increasingly threatened. As early as the 1950s, the sounds of power boats occasionally intruded on the peaceful silence of the waters. In more recent years, acid rain, ozone and other pollutants, the ravages of a herd of hungry deer, and demands for increased recreational use are all jeopardizing Quabbin's waters and forests.

This book tells the story of Quabbin, tracing Quabbin's history, describing its natural resources, and discussing the environmental challenges it currently faces. The original edition, issued by the Massachusetts Audubon Society in 1981, has now been expanded and updated.

THOMAS CONUEL has worked as a newspaper editor and reporter, a free-lance environmental writer, and a technical writer.

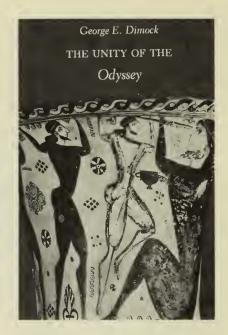
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# The Unity of the Odyssey

George E. Dimock

"Dimock proceeds Book by Homeric Book. At times he retells the epic tale. At others he dwells on this or that thematic highlight or difficulty. He draws on etymology, especially with reference to the names of the characters. It is the 'pain' which he hears out of the many-minded and much tested Odysseus which gives the twenty-four Books their axis. But each angle of comprehension, each philological and critical move is meant to affirm, to demonstrate the unwavering coherence of the epic, the perfect appositeness of every episode, detail, seeming digression to the underlying design of the homecoming and of the restoration to Ithaca of justice, of a justice precisely tempered, ripened by pain."—George Steiner, (London) Times Literary Supplement

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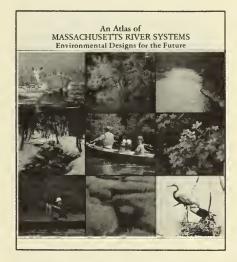
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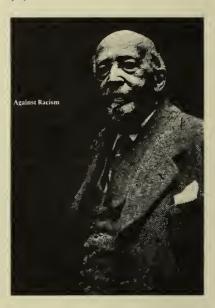
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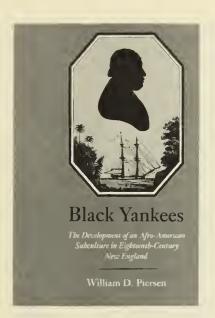
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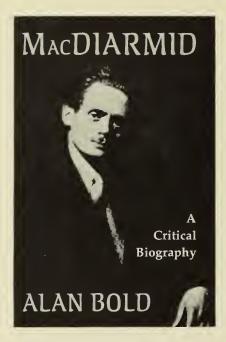
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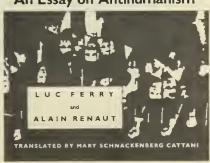
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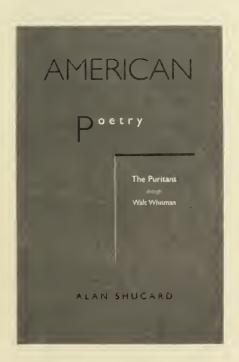
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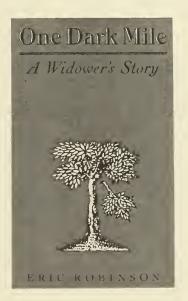
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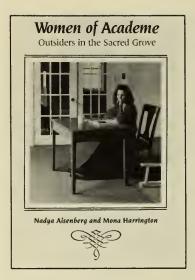
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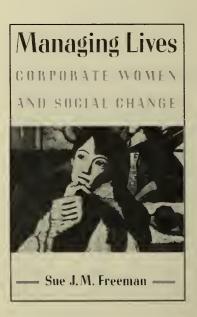
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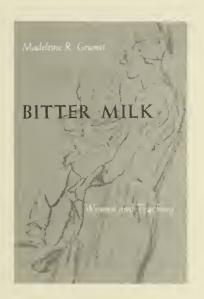
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